

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GUILLERMO ESTEVEZ,

Plaintiff,

-v.-

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

21 Civ. 347 (KPF) (DCF)

ORDER

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA, District Judge:

By Order today, the Court is referring this case to Magistrate Judge Debra C. Freeman for a report and recommendation on any motion for judgment on the pleadings. To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Freeman.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for Defendant must, **within two weeks of the date of this Order**, either mail or email to Failla_NYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this Order (and also available at <http://nysd.uscourts.gov/file/forms/consent-to-proceed-before-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before Magistrate Judge Freeman rather than before the undersigned.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Freeman, the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of the date of this Order** advising the Court that the parties do not consent, **but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent**. There will be no adverse consequences if the parties do not consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge.

The Clerk of Court is directed to transmit a copy of this Order to Plaintiff at his address of record.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 4, 2021
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla".

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA
United States District Judge